recently launched scheme 'Parivartan' under which lady beat constables have been deployed in selected slum areas.

Mao militants intensified

†966. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late Mao militants have intensified there aggression by targeting and blasting communication towers, railway stations and police posts with land mines in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that these such incidents prove that these militants are in contact with Mao militants of Nepal and that these Nepali militants impart training and supply arms and ammunition and explosive material here; and

(c) if so, Government's views in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) In 2005, while there has been increased naxal violence in Chhattisgarh including incidents of destruction of infrastructure, States of Bihar and Jharkhand have recorded decrease in naxal violence in 2005. However, there were serious incidents of naxal violence like looting of weapons from the Giridih Home Guard training centre on 11.11.2005 in Jharkhand and the Jehanabad jailbreak on 13.11.2005 in Bihar.

(b) and (c) Available reports do not suggest that Nepalese Maoists are providing training and arms to Indian naxal groups.

Notification of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill

967. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pelased to state:

(a) whether the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill passed last year, on receiving President's assent were notified and if so, on what date;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what further action is being contemplated in this regard?

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